GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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IRRAWADDY DOLPHINS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourists visiting Chilka lake may soon miss the sight of the rare Irrawaddy Dolphins;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and measures taken to combat the problems; and

(c) the fund allocated by the Union Government for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) As per reports of the State Government, Irrawady Dolphins can be sighted in Chilka through out the year and there has been an increase in the estimated population of Irrawaddy Dolphins in Chilka in the recent years.

(c) A total amount of Rs. 589.335 lakhs was released to the State Government for overall conservation and development of Chilka during the X Five Year Plan period while an amount of Rs. 111.00 lakhs has been released during the year 2007-08, by the Central Government.